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LEARNING IN K-12 CLASSROOMS SO  
THAT MIGRANT STUDENTS ACHIEVE  
HIGH ACADEMIC SUCCESS.

# Arizona *Migrant Education Connection*

## A Message from the State Director:

This has been an exciting year for our Migrant Education Program (MEP). In October we completed the yearly re-interview of our program's identification and recruitment efforts. It was determined that we have a zero percent error rate. Congratulations to our LEA recruiters and coordinators for doing an excellent job identifying our families and precisely completing the paperwork.

Surveys were completed by our families, students, LEA Staff, administrators and MEP Staff as we assessed the needs of our program to complete the Comprehensive Needs Assessment. Currently, with the help of our LEA MEP Staff, parents, and community partners we are developing the Service Delivery Plan that will guide our program for the next three years. The dedication and support of all involved with these two projects has been outstanding.

Thank you to our families who held leadership roles and participated in SMPAC and MPAC meetings this year. Your voice is needed to assist us with providing direction for our program and meeting student needs.

The summer programs for students going to Washington, DC and Alabama are quickly approaching. Thank you to the thirty plus middle school students and twenty plus high school students who applied for these programs. These programs will provide a wonderful learning experience for our students. The students will be presenting their program experience at the local MPAC meetings.

Our program is a partnership with parents, LEA staff and students working together. This partnership supports student growth and success. As we move our program forward, let's always keep this in mind as we make program decisions.

Looking forward to next year, we are planning to revitalize the Binational Teacher Exchange Program, use the electronic Certificate of Eligibility (COE) when identifying our families and possibly use technology to hold a SMPAC meeting so we can have more parent involvement.

Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Mary Frances Haluska  
State Migrant Director  
Arizona Department of Education



## Upcoming Dates to Remember

July - August 2015: Completion Reports for MEP  
August 2015: 2015-2016 School Year Begins!  
September 16 - 18, 2015: AIFC Conference (Tubac, AZ)  
November 17 - 19, 2015: MEGA Conference (Tucson, AZ)

## Are Any of Your Students Going to Space Camp or Close Up?

Close Up High School  
Washington, D.C.

June 14 - 20, 2015

\*Don't forget to bring business attire for  
Capitol Hill Day.

Close Up Middle School  
Washington, D.C.

June 21 - 25, 2015

Space Academy  
Huntsville, AL

July 12 - 17, 2015

\*Don't forget to bring bathing suits for some of the  
activities at Space Academy. Details will be ex-  
plained at the upcoming family meetings.

Mandatory family meetings will be taking place soon. If your student was selected to participate in one of the summer programs, please be sure to arrive at the meeting with the required documentation. We look forward to another successful year with the Arizona Migrant Education Program Summer Programs!

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## Partner Spotlight

The Arizona Interagency Farmworkers Coalition, Inc. (AIFC) is a non-profit organization formed over 20 years ago, whose primary focus is working with those that provide services to, work with, or touch the lives of migrant and seasonal farmworkers. AIFC strives to increase awareness and coordinate efforts around available resources and programs for migrant and seasonal farmworkers and their families. AIFC's working Board includes representatives from such diverse areas as Education, Healthcare, Labor, and other community based organizations.

AIFC's main activity is an annual educational conference. This conference is the only one of its kind where those that work with and provide services to MSFW in diverse areas, can learn about available programs and services for the farmworker population that they serve. It is an opportunity to build the collaborative relationships that allow us to work most effectively with diminishing resources to continue to provide the most relevant, useful, and up to date information for those that work with the people that work to put food on all of our tables. AIFC also raises funds and accepts donations to support our scholarship program. Each year, AIFC provides between five and ten 1,000 scholarships to students from farmworker families to help support their post-secondary academic pursuits.

Join us for the 20th Annual AIFC Conference!

When: September 16-18, 2015

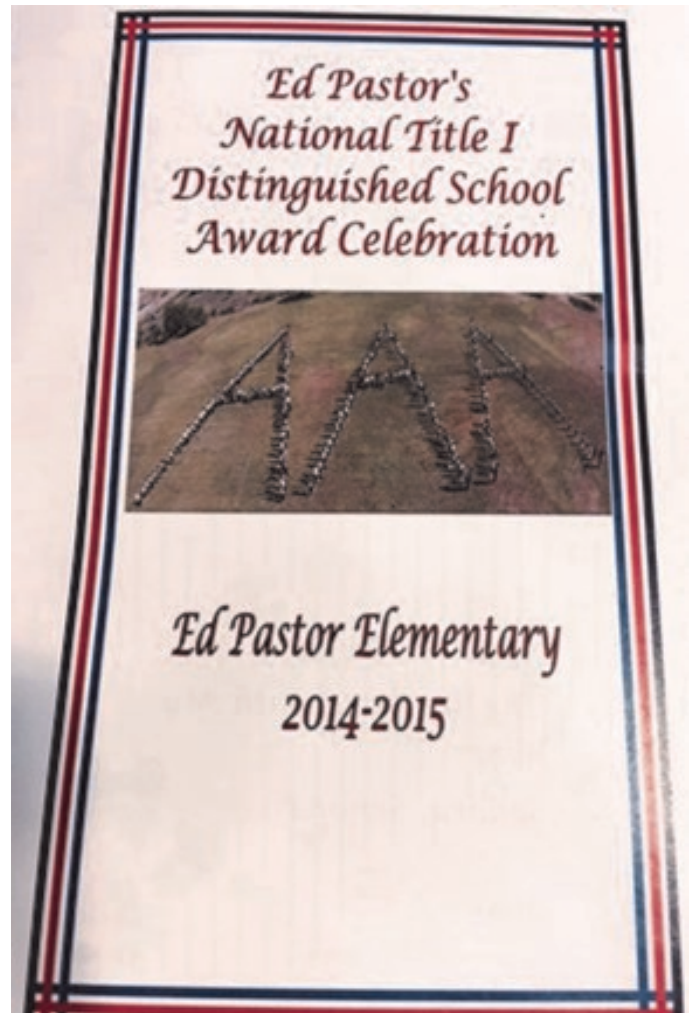
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Website: <https://goo.gl/O3tGHw>

# Migrant LEA Spotlight

## Ed Pastor Elementary School

Ed Pastor Elementary, Gadsden Elementary School District, San Luis, Arizona is receiving recognition from the Arizona Department of Education for being a model of success and closing the achievement gap among their students. Each year, the ADE National Title I Distinguished Award Committee along with the Committee of Practitioners (COP) invites high poverty Reward Schools to apply for the National Title I Distinguished Award. The purpose of the Title I Distinguished Schools Recognition Program is to identify exceptional Title I schools that will represent Arizona. Ed Pastor Elementary is clearly one of Arizona's finest schools with strong leadership, hardworking students, motivated parents, enthusiastic teachers, and an amazing staff. Their continuous commitment toward improving the academic achievements of their students creates a culture of learning throughout their campus.



# Migrant Student Spotlight

## Scholarship Recipients



Congratulations to all of the students in Arizona that have received scholarships to attend college! It doesn't matter if it is a \$100 scholarship or a \$50,000 scholarship. These precious awards, no matter the size, can make a huge difference in a student's quest for college and career readiness.

A few facts about the scholarships awarded to our migrant students:

- Yuma Union has approx. 24 students that were awarded 43 different scholarships totaling more than \$200,000!
- Chandler Unified has approx. two migrant students that were awarded three different scholarships!
- Coolidge Unified has approx. 3 migrant students that were awarded 5 different scholarships!

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